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OPERATING UNIT TO A VEHICLE

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Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 22 March 2006, paper no. 20060319, requiring an election of species for prosecution on the merits, applicant responds as follows:

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species A of Figures 2-4; and,
Species B of Figures 5-6.

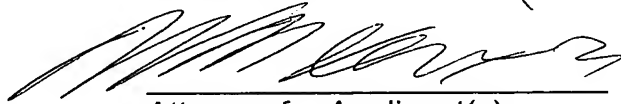
Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims directed to Species A of Figures 2-4. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7 are readable on the elected species with claims 1-4 and 7 being generic to both species.

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Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

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Respectfully,



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